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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN TASMANIA.

This table summarizes the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in the following tables of this publication:—

Period.	Employment—Tasmania (a).			Wholesale Trade—Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts.	Building Permits, Hobart and Launceston (c).	Railways Gross Revenue.	Bank Clearings, Hobart and Launceston. (Weekly Averages).	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts (e).					
	Estimated Total—All Employment.	Total—end of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces).											
		Males.	Females.										
				£'000.	£	£	£'000.	£					
				(b)	(b)	(d)	881	(b)					
				725	48,320	37,456		39,053					
1938-39	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1939-40	(f) 53,200	(f) 37,400	(f) 11,600	(f) 49,000	748	54,350	41,239	986	40,225				
1940-41	840	41,350	46,162	973	40,619				
1941-42	(g) 66,462	(g) 38,563	(g) 14,799	(g) 53,362	958	30,861	52,773	1,099	46,231				
1942-43	(h) 64,747	(h) 37,487	(h) 15,760	(h) 53,247	1,034	6,590	64,820	1,186	50,697				
1943-44	(i) 61,619	(i) 36,895	(i) 16,194	(i) 53,089	977	7,265	67,006	1,367	55,350				
1944-45	960	12,252	69,236	1,494	58,582				
1943-44—		(j)	(j)	(j)									
August	37,105	16,803	53,908	1,162	2,951	64,338	1,263	60,862					
September	37,120	16,567	53,687	1,077	8,596	65,858	1,215	53,971					
October	37,298	16,799	54,097	1,001	7,803	61,928	1,348	58,250					
November	37,695	17,160	54,855	900	26,958	60,927	1,350	47,720					
December	37,911	16,660	54,571	874	2,522	73,241	1,143	57,393					
January	37,784	16,619	54,403	810	3,296	66,119	1,454	54,356					
February	38,411	16,982	55,393	888	4,391	67,938	1,220	56,018					
March	38,625	17,139	55,764	847	2,963	70,843	1,258	58,006					
April	38,829	17,192	56,021	872	8,836	71,090	1,518	49,502					
May	38,787	16,970	55,757	1,098	8,329	68,464	1,726	59,818					
June	38,923	16,947	55,870	1,099	7,765	69,903	1,500	54,248					
1944-45—													
July	38,708	16,880	55,588	1,173	13,039	56,690	1,604	56,292					
August	39,093	17,046	56,139	1,028	11,697	64,464	1,413	60,167					
September	38,923	16,908	55,831	1,055	8,076	67,322	1,472	56,673					
October	38,484	16,639	55,123	842	17,101	66,587	1,554	60,137					
November	38,677	16,599	55,276	886	6,575	63,420	1,297	54,569					
December	39,112	16,698	55,810	845	12,171	78,148	1,343	55,863					
January	39,415	16,746	56,161	867	18,204	64,587	1,569	63,412					
February	39,912	16,796	56,708	810	11,446	74,090	1,325	62,962					
March	40,357	17,134	57,491	864	8,722	69,774	1,471	56,311					
April	40,313	17,236	57,549	827	16,260	75,660	1,708	57,709					
May	40,685	17,131	57,816	1,124	15,222	69,749	1,508	60,490					
June	40,555	17,163	57,718	1,113	8,516	75,310	1,599	58,396					
1945-46—													
July	40,675	17,111	57,786	915	21,482	62,839	1,773	62,050					
August	40,303	17,036	57,339	1,144	26,543	68,502	1,435	61,459					
September	(k)	(k)	(k)	875	42,229	69,819	1,576	57,827					

(a) Wage and salary earners in employment, excluding employees in the Defence Forces at home and abroad.

(b) Monthly averages.

(c) Excludes Government buildings.

(d) Four-weekly averages.

(e) Actual collections.

(f) July, 1939, National Register.

(g) July, 1941.

(h) June, 1942.

(i) June, 1943, Civilian Register.

(j) Subject to revision.

(k) Not available.

TASMANIA: WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

Month.	Total Employment (a) (excluding Rural, Household Domestic, and Defence Forces).			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Governmental Authorities.	Private Employers. (b)	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Allied Works Council Projects.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Service (d).	
MALES.											
1941—											
July	10,182	28,381	38,563	2,902	12,284	....	5,685	3,042	2,900	4,060
November	10,459	28,895	39,354	2,785	12,316	....	6,048	3,036	2,819	4,076
1942—											
July	10,136	27,254	37,390	2,570	12,876	1,019	5,563	2,451	2,469	3,683	
1943—											
June	10,300	26,581	36,881	2,576	13,977	249	5,870	2,237	2,454	3,540	
August	10,087	27,018	37,105	2,547	13,730	171	5,870	2,310	2,351	3,583	
December	9,615	28,296	37,911	2,676	14,124	92	5,767	2,374	2,431	3,654	
1944—											
May	9,518	29,269	38,787	2,707	14,493	46	6,082	2,396	2,433	3,768	
June	9,428	29,495	38,923	2,687	15,283	41	6,125	2,388	2,465	3,797	
July	9,150	29,558	38,708	2,681	14,279	79	6,121	2,394	2,436	3,782	
1945—											
May	9,833	30,852	40,685	2,512	14,771	568	6,663	2,537	2,580	4,059	
June	9,852	30,703	40,555	2,503	14,586	585	6,670	2,579	2,566	4,048	
July	10,722	29,953	40,675	2,475	14,472	530	6,750	2,598	2,658	4,055	
FEMALES.											
1941—											
July	2,297	12,502	14,799	12	3,957	....	896	3,271	1,027	4,974
November	2,346	12,368	14,714	13	3,596	....	895	3,386	993	5,018
1942—											
July	2,858	12,898	15,756	29	4,351	....	881	3,416	1,233	5,065
1943—											
June	3,237	12,984	16,221	25	4,954	....	988	3,045	1,253	5,046
August	3,216	13,587	16,803	34	4,907	....	958	3,229	1,292	5,406
December	3,675	12,985	16,660	34	5,108	....	1,002	3,069	1,211	5,287
1944—											
May	3,402	13,568	16,970	39	5,301	....	1,042	3,077	1,201	5,347
June	3,354	13,593	16,947	38	5,412	....	1,003	3,083	1,159	5,357
July	3,331	13,549	16,880	36	4,960	....	1,023	3,066	1,178	5,394
1945—											
May	3,276	13,855	17,131	38	4,693	....	1,057	3,237	1,243	5,566
June	3,292	13,871	17,163	37	4,652	....	1,059	3,246	1,230	5,644
July	3,517	13,594	17,111	36	4,569	....	1,059	3,284	1,244	5,625
PERSONS.											
1941—											
July	12,479	40,883	53,362	2,914	16,241	....	6,581	6,313	3,927	9,034
November	12,805	41,263	54,068	2,798	15,912	....	6,943	6,422	3,812	9,094
1942—											
July	12,994	40,152	53,146	2,599	17,227	1,019	6,444	5,867	3,702	8,748	
1943—											
June	13,537	39,565	53,102	2,601	18,931	249	6,858	5,282	3,707	8,586	
August	13,303	40,605	53,908	2,581	18,637	171	6,828	5,539	3,643	8,989	
December	13,290	41,281	54,571	2,710	19,232	92	6,769	5,443	3,642	8,941	
1944—											
May	12,920	42,837	55,757	2,746	19,794	46	7,124	5,473	3,634	9,115	
June	12,782	43,088	55,870	2,725	20,695	41	7,128	5,471	3,624	9,154	
July	12,481	43,107	55,588	2,717	19,239	79	7,144	5,460	3,614	9,176	
1945—											
May	13,109	44,707	57,816	2,550	19,464	568	7,720	5,774	3,823	9,625	
June	13,144	44,574	57,718	2,540	19,238	585	7,729	5,825	3,796	9,692	
July	14,239	43,547	57,786	2,511	19,041	530	7,809	5,882	3,902	9,680	

(a) Based on Pay-roll tax returns and records of Government employment; excludes all employees in Defence Forces.

(b) The estimated numbers of males in private employment in 1944 and 1945 may exclude some employees engaged on smaller buildings (houses, &c.) and in alterations and repairs to buildings.

(c) Figures for May, June, and July, 1945, subject to revision.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

TASMANIAN IMPORTS (OVERSEAS AND INTERSTATE) OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL GROUPS.

£'000 Australian Currency.

Period.	Food and Drink.	Tobacco. (Inc. Cigars & Cigarettes.)	Chemicals, Drugs, and Fertilizers.	Drapery, Clothing, & Textiles.	Metals, Metal Manufactures & Machinery.	Oils.	Ores.	Wool.	Total Imports.
ANNUAL TOTALS.									
1938-39	2,266	479	419	1,793	3,351	443	318	234	11,502
1939-40	2,629	473	468	2,017	3,273	576	334	308	12,484
1940-41	3,038	472	487	1,806	2,668	399	328	370	12,120
1941-42	2,946	598	590	1,893	3,061	548	413	686	13,192
1942-43	3,031	859	615	1,887	3,605	579	649	725	14,382
1943-44	2,734	928	683	1,945	3,789	565	689	687	14,391
MONTHLY TOTALS.									
1944-45—									
July	227	66	59	159	270	28	86	38	1,122
August	152	81	69	165	309	49	30	30	1,031
September	264	58	68	170	280	114	44	51	1,284
October	275	99	90	205	429	13	44	45	1,410
November	234	86	60	161	261	53	57	79	1,198
December	195	95	55	168	320	53	1	33	1,117
January	280	95	69	159	280	43	106	110	1,372
February	239	78	42	197	275	28	75	180	1,267
March	164	76	41	229	353	61	65	27	1,219
Nine mths. ended March, 1944	2,132	683	530	1,440	2,895	443	573	443	10,960
Nine mths. ended March, 1945	2,030	734	553	1,613	2,777	442	508	593	11,020

TASMANIAN EXPORTS (OVERSEAS AND INTERSTATE) OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL GROUPS.

£'000 Australian Currency.

Period.	Fresh Fruit. (All Kinds.)	Potatoes.	Other Food and Drink.	Copper.	Zinc.	Other Metals and Ores.	Timber.	Woollen Manufactures.	Total Exports.
ANNUAL TOTALS.									
1938-39	1,529	974	2,504	568	1,368	763	571	922	12,233
1939-40	1,135	779	2,631	708	1,428	1,130	619	1,337	12,903
1940-41	481	581	2,855	737	1,433	1,071	779	2,163	13,586
1941-42	704	812	3,106	893	1,553	1,182	781	2,729	16,156
1942-43	522	956	3,065	1,109	1,421	1,276	836	2,391	16,225
1943-44	646	1,631	4,199	823	1,607	1,041	812	2,628	18,793
MONTHLY TOTALS.									
1944-45—									
July	72	155	421	47	112	70	57	242	1,989
August	23	190	344	19	163	123	52	205	1,865
September	17	206	361	86	153	89	49	336	1,631
October	70	69	502	76	236	58	37	179	1,556
November	12	28	521	101	94	157	57	406	1,743
December	29	280	95	24	215	55	278	1,325	
January	1	153	368	...	158	101	62	143	1,444
February	15	292	513	100	222	122	39	242	1,944
March	75	227	415	99	122	100	58	88	1,500
Nine mths. ended March, 1944	289	1,079	3,219	568	1,254	799	645	1,904	14,009
Nine mths. ended March, 1945	285	1,349	3,725	623	1,284	1,035	466	2,119	14,997

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE RATE INDEXES: HOBART.

Period.	Retail Price Indexes—Hobart(a).					Common-wealth(b) Metropolitan Basic Wage(c).	Wage Rate Indexes, Hobart(a).	
	Food and Groceries.	Rent, Four & Five Roomed Houses.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items, "C" Series.		Nominal Weekly Wage, Adult Males.	"Real" Weekly Wage(f).
1938-39	1031	992	1040	971	1012	77/-(d)	987	975
1939-40	1062	1004	1084	994	1038	78/-(d)	1005	968
1940-41	1102	1008	1274	1030	1100	84/-(d)	1049	954
1941-42	1143	1008	1474	1085	1166	88/-(d)	1124	964
1942-43	1217	1006	1699	1136	1248	94/-(d)	1212	971
1943-44	1198	1005	1751	1150	1254	94/-(d)	1290	1029
1944-45	1185	1008	1738	1146	1245	93/-(d)	1296	1041
1944—								
June Quarter	1174	1005	1736	1144	1241	94/-	1298	1046
September Quarter	1195	1006	1752	1146	1252	93/-	1291	1031
December Quarter	1189	1008	1741	1145	1247	94/-	1299	1042
1945—								
March Quarter	1173	1008	1741	1147	1242	94/-	1298	1045
June Quarter	1181	1008	1718	1146	1239	93/-	1296	1046
September Quarter	1206	1008	1714	1146	1248	94/-(e)	(g)	(g)
Increase per cent from 1938-39	17.0	1.6	64.8	18.0	23.3	22.1	31.3	7.3

(a) Base: Weighted average, six capitals, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(b) No State basic wage declared; Commonwealth rates followed to a large extent.

(c) "Needs" Basic Wage plus "Prosperity Loading" of 4s.

(d) Payable as from 1st May.

(e) Payable as from 1st November.

(f) Index of nominal weekly rates for adult males divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(g) Not available.

AUSTRALIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES AND RETAIL PRICES INDEX OF FOUR TASMANIAN TOWNS.

Period.	Wholesale Prices Indexes of Basic Materials and Foodstuffs(a).			Retail Prices Index (All Items "C" Series), Four Tasmanian Country Towns(a).				
	Goods Principally Imported(b).	Goods Principally Home-Produced.	All Groups.	Launceston.	Burnie.	Devonport.	Queenstown.	Weighted Average, Four Towns.
1938-39	991	1020	1011	994	982	963	1006	990
1939-40	1106	1025	1047	1015	1005	982	1030	1012
1940-41	1325	1060	1140	1077	1071	1048	1091	1075
1941-42	1525	1123	1242	1127	1122	1100	1136	1124
1942-43	1760	1212	1373	1210	1208	1176	1218	1202
1943-44	1824	1217	1396	1210	1217	1183	1236	1210
1944-45	1819	1231	1403	1204	1194	1174	1248	1203
1944-45—								
October	1821	1221	1397					
November	1831	1217	1398	1203	1194	1175	1250	1203
December	1834	1216	1398					
January	1822	1217	1396					
February	1830	1225	1404	1200	1188	1170	1245	1199
March	1824	1235	1408					
April	1835	1245	1419					
May	1795	1249	1410	1203	1190	1171	1247	1202
June	1790	1261	1417					
1945-46—								
July	1793	1262	1418					
August	1797	1262	1419	1210	1201	1179	1254	1209
September	(d)	(d)	(d)					

(a) Base: Average three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(b) This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(c) Revised from January, 1945.

(d) Not available.

BUILDING PERMITS: TASMANIA.

Period.	Private Buildings.				Government Buildings, Including Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	New Dwellings.		Other, Including Alterations and Additions.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
£								
HOBART.								
ANNUAL TOTALS.								
1938-39	208	209,753	274	175,981	9	146,279	491	532,013
1939-40	203	201,029	191	210,223	11	35,088	405	446,340
1940-41	230	238,824	197	94,610	5	16,863	432	350,297
1941-42	143	168,138	119	76,822	7	24,888	269	269,848
1942-43	11	6,071	90	21,274	9	31,917	110	59,262
1943-44	14	7,499	138	46,566	5	3,467	157	57,532
1944-45	31	29,028	213	55,259	12	74,211	256	158,498
MONTHLY TOTALS.								
1944-45—								
March	1	850	16	3,263			17	4,113
April	2	2,075	14	6,676	1	249	17	9,000
May	4	4,625	21	2,647	1	11,180	26	18,452
June	4	1,570	15	1,398	...	...	19	2,968
1945-46—								
July	5	5,654	13	8,443	1	154	19	14,251
August	12	13,642	20	4,826	...	...	32	18,468
September	16	16,215	25	5,932	...	...	41	22,147
LAUNCESTON.								
ANNUAL TOTALS.								
1938-39	174	128,751	295	65,357	1	2,148	470	196,256
1939-40	203	148,959	296	91,990	9	111,831	508	352,780
1940-41	143	106,436	258	56,330	3	5,373	404	168,139
1941-42	109	87,459	180	37,910	5	6,145	294	131,514
1942-43	25	13,925	152	37,815	4	6,888	181	58,628
1943-44	21	10,250	233	22,867	5	3,670	259	36,787
1944-45	52	36,169	232	26,574	11	26,208	295	88,951
MONTHLY TOTALS.								
1944-45—								
March	3	1,800	19	2,809	1	60	23	4,669
April	8	6,477	14	1,032	1	862	23	8,371
May	4	4,009	28	3,941	4	9,918	36	17,868
June	...	...	17	5,548	...	...	17	5,548
1945-46—								
July	7	5,257	18	1,974	...	...	25	7,231
August	7	6,247	30	1,828	1	500	38	8,575
September	18	18,421	22	1,661	1	8,000	41	28,082

NOTE.—Since December, 1940, various controls have been placed over construction of new buildings and additions and alterations to buildings. Until the cessation of hostilities with Japan a permit from the Department of War Organisation of Industry was required for new buildings or alterations in excess of £25. Ministerial authority now allows construction of new dwellings up to £1200 and housing repairs to £150 in any financial year without a permit from the Department of Works and Housing.

The permits shown above relate to building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under Government Building Control Regulations.

GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROGRAMME.

The progress of the Government Housing Programme in Tasmania is illustrated by the following figures supplied by the Agricultural Bank, which is administering the scheme:—

Date.	Number of Houses Completed or in Course of Construction (a).						Quota (a) for Tasmania.	Percentage of Quota.
	Hobart & Suburbs.	Launceston & Suburbs.	Burnie.	Devonport.	Somerset.	Tasmania.		
At 30th June, 1945	114	18	...	10	6	148	280	52.9
At 30th Sept., 1945	193	48	15	29	6	291	350	83.1
At 31st Oct., 1945	238	48	15	29	6	336	(b)	(b)

(a) Since 1st April, 1944, from when first quota dated.

(b) Not available.

MISCELLANEOUS INDEXES OF TASMANIAN PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Paper Pulp (a).	Electricity for all Purposes except Traction.	Dairy Factory Production.		Metals.		
			Butter.	Cheese.	Copper.	Zinc.	Gold.
	Tons.	'000 K.W.H.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	(b)	Fine Ozs.
MONTHLY AVERAGES.							
1938-39	332	47,026	338.8	118.3	1,056	999	1,747
1939-40	1,183	51,237	346.3	116.2	1,108	1,042	1,605
1940-41	1,705	54,615	302.7	106.7	979	1,079	1,650
1941-42	3,268	60,235	299.8	114.2	952	1,083	1,591
1942-43	3,062	63,102	282.4	88.3	954	1,102	1,521
1943-44	3,089	65,913	272.5	87.6	923	1,153	1,394
1944-45	2,921	65,794	(f) 296.0	(f) 78.5	702	(f) 1,279	1,199
MONTHLY TOTALS.							
1943-44—June	3,308	69,293	45.7	18.9	857	1,179	(c) 1,444
1944-45—July	2,898	70,736	59.8	19.3	678	1,198	
August	3,172	72,539	98.2	33.8	576	1,216	
September	2,667	68,773	222.8	59.7	725	1,217	
1945-46—June	3,198	72,103	49.8	18.6	591	1,205	(c) 956
July	3,130	74,790	64.8	19.7	496	1,206	
August	3,075	73,834	102.9	31.3	561	1,225	
September	3,246	71,356	231.0	58.3	620	1,222	

(a) Ground wood pulp and chemical pulp; figures to be used as an index of production only.

(b) Index of production; average three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(c) Monthly average for June quarter.

(d) Monthly average for September quarter.

(e) Not available.

(f) Subject to revision.

TASMANIAN STATE RAILWAYS; MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

Period.	State Railways.					Motor Vehicles on Register at End of Period (c).			New Motor Vehicles Registered During Period (c).				
	Gross Revenue.	Working Costs (excluding Interest).	Train Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys.	Goods and Livestock Carried.	Motor-Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor-Cycles.					
						£	£	Daily Average.	Daily Average.	Tons.	No.	No.	No.
1938-39	(a) 37,456	(a) 52,130	5,223	6,292	(a) 64,885	17,668	5,036	3,656	3,060				
1939-40	41,239	52,878	5,640	6,591	67,631	17,598	5,235	3,351	2,116				
1940-41	46,162	58,544	5,938	7,650	73,502	17,337	5,458	3,179	1,002				
1941-42	52,773	65,709	5,963	8,618	78,735	14,183	5,367	2,240	293				
1942-43	64,820	74,188	6,075	9,106	75,506	15,834	5,503	2,450	164				
1943-44	67,006	87,415	5,971	8,554	75,217	16,715	6,236	2,579	551				
1944-45	69,236	77,423	6,031	8,933	71,079	17,043	6,862	2,814	331				
1943-44—May	(b) 68,464	(b) 78,111	6,085	8,270	(b) 70,986	16,666	6,200	2,576	46				
June	69,903	88,330	5,992	9,708	80,377	16,715	6,236	2,579	42				
1944-45—July	56,690	71,308	5,641	8,062	63,668	16,584	6,217	2,539	35				
Aug.	64,464	75,865	6,005	7,622	75,961	16,843	6,346	2,586	44				
Sept.	67,322	71,304	5,977	7,598	77,469	16,779	6,352	2,590	44				
1945-46—May	69,749	79,160	6,150	7,935	75,261	17,035	6,828	2,777	26				
June	75,310	93,052	6,217	9,367	71,259	17,043	6,862	2,814	25				
1945-46—July	62,839	78,626	6,125	8,550	71,570	17,181	7,002	2,899	25				
Aug.	68,502	82,650	6,223	7,463	69,963	17,073	6,983	2,904	30				
Sept.	69,819	83,376	6,093	11,197	72,973	17,083	7,040	2,925	(d) 17				

(a) Four-weekly averages.

(b) Four-weekly periods.

(c) Excluding Defence Service vehicles.

(d) Motor-cars 2; commercial vehicles 15.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND BANKING STATISTICS—TASMANIA.

Period.	Consolidated Revenue.		Trading Banks. (Including Commonwealth Bank.)		Bank Clearings— Weekly Averages(c).		Savings Banks Deposits(d).		War Savings Certificates— Net Amounts Subscribed. (e)
	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Deposits (b).	Advances (b).	Hobart.	Launceston.	Hobart and Launceston Savings Banks.	Total (including Common- wealth Savings Bank).	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£
1938-39	3,615	3,641	10,045	4,648	623	258	6,038	8,396	...
1939-40	3,055	3,053	10,068	4,872	697	289	6,220	8,518	92,602
1940-41	2,922	3,103	10,281	4,612	672	301	6,518	8,941	469,131
1941-42	3,359	3,357	(f) 11,180	4,052	731	368	6,767	9,472	744,146
1942-43	3,290	3,400	13,528	3,644	813	373	7,632	11,174	971,531
1943-44	3,499	3,469	16,221	3,570	943	424	9,399	14,213	1,111,922
1944-45	3,656	3,675	18,412	3,456	1,032	462	10,907	16,914	1,254,804
1943-44—June	535	360	(f) 16,221	3,570	1,002	498	9,399	14,213	1,111,922
1944-45—July	198	180	16,418	3,641	1,132	472	9,531	14,466	1,122,924
Aug.	218	222			981	432	9,822	14,878	1,134,399
Sept.	317	297			1,021	451	9,948	15,106	1,146,654
1945-46—June	570	347	(f) 18,412	3,456	1,057	542	10,907	16,914	1,254,804
July	241	178			1,264	509	11,056	17,193	1,263,702
Aug.	225	258			1,004	431	11,350	17,617	1,269,721
Sept.	(a) 319	(a) 275	(g) 16,011	(g) 3,416	1,110	466	11,475	17,871	1,273,427

(a) Surplus for three months ended September, 1945, £73,597, compared with a surplus of £33,766 for the corresponding period in 1944.

(b) Average for quarter.

(c) Figures not exhaustive as cheques deposited in banks on which they are drawn are not included.

(d) At end of period.

(e) Net amounts subscribed at end of each period.

(f) June quarter.

(g) Monthly figures available as from September, 1945.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Commonwealth Government Securities.		Mortgage Rate on Hobart Savings Bank Advances.	Treasury Bills.	Hobart Savings Bank Deposits.	Trading Banks: Interest on Fixed Deposits.						
	Taxed at Current Com- monwealth Rates.					3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.			
	Short Dated, 2 Years. (a)	Long Dated, 12 Years. (a)				%	%	%	%			
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%			
1938-39	...	...	4.25	1.75	3.00	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	
1939-40	...	...	4.25	1.71	3.00	1.90	2.40	2.60	2.90	
1940-41	...	...	4.25	1.50	2.75	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.50	
1941-42	2.40	3.24	4.25	1.50	2.25	1.43	1.73	1.98	2.23			
1942-43	2.48	3.24	4.00	1.50	2.25	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00			
1943-44	2.45	3.24	4.00	1.34	2.25	1.13	1.39	1.64	2.00			
1944-45	2.47	3.25	4.00	1.17	2.25	0.55	0.80	1.28	1.78			
1944-45—												
September	2.47	3.24	4.00	1.25	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
October	2.48	3.24	4.00	1.25	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
November	2.48	3.24	4.00	1.25	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
December	2.49	3.24	4.00	1.25	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
January	2.48	3.24	4.00	1.25	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
February	2.46	3.25	4.00	1.25	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
March	2.48	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
April	2.49	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
May	2.49	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
June	2.49	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
1945-46—												
July	2.49	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
August	2.49	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			
September	2.48	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75			

(a) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 years and 10 or more years respectively.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS—TASMANIA.

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Total Consideration of Property Sales.			Amount of Mortgages.					
				Registered.			Discharged.		
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1939.	1944.	1945.
January	£ 82,234	£ 153,685	£ 156,398	£ 157,620	£ 105,397	£ 66,101	£ 44,457	£ 72,134	£ 112,084
February	143,738	168,264	184,818	126,995	179,025	61,920	64,095	125,572	103,890
March	283,934	204,535	210,548	196,745	56,877	79,709	110,246	123,037	108,988
April	160,717	154,746	151,108	108,259	64,685	59,920	72,178	86,638	66,468
May	311,231	173,860	223,477	201,036	69,069	96,197	175,359	124,415	141,306
June	231,155	168,913	204,364	151,425	79,909	99,059	104,180	81,428	128,386
July	190,696	202,074	260,588	195,509	135,072	150,725	116,691	135,873	122,588
August	298,731	213,368	220,030	213,837	73,578	127,882	126,336	101,749	141,524
September	271,609	188,278	219,297	162,223	93,318	97,531	136,906	73,354	111,855
October	198,112	121,531	...	174,826	54,716	...	77,829	109,363	...
November	172,051	197,843	...	139,186	67,740	...	89,105	97,594	...
December	125,567	151,134	...	98,026	58,282	...	42,003	99,356	...
Year	£2,469,775	£2,098,231	...	£1,925,687	£1,037,668	...	£1,159,385	£1,230,513	...
Nine mths. ended September	£1,974,045	£1,627,723	£1,830,628	£1,513,649	£856,930	£839,044	£950,448	£924,200	£1,037,089

POST-OFFICE ACTIVITY—TASMANIA.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department (a).	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in Force at end of Period.	Telephone Services Connected at End of Period.		
					Lines.
			£	No.	
Monthly Averages.					
1938-39	39,053	39,392	14,144	18,013	
1939-40	40,225	42,182	14,695	18,882	
1940-41	40,619	44,716	15,190	19,565	
1941-42	46,231	46,404	15,443	20,171	
1942-43	50,697	(b) 49,910	15,702	20,690	
1943-44	55,350	50,356	16,106	21,204	
1944-45	58,582	50,557	16,926	22,135	
Monthly Totals.					
September	56,673	50,338	16,315	21,439	
October	60,137	50,338	16,320	21,429	
November	54,569	50,260	16,336	21,437	
December	55,863	50,058	16,387	21,498	
January	63,412	50,319	16,481	21,599	
February	62,962	50,263	16,587	21,713	
March	56,311	50,163	16,635	21,766	
April	57,709	50,831	16,762	21,914	
May	60,490	50,706	16,834	22,002	
June	58,396	50,557	16,926	22,135	
1945-46—					
July	62,050	50,813	16,993	22,233	
August	61,459	50,668	17,134	22,419	
September	57,827	50,256	17,190	22,488	

(a) Actual collections.

(b) Since July, 1942, licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

RAINFALL OF TASMANIA IN DISTRICTS.

Index showing Ratio of Actual to Normal(a) Rainfall for each Month.

Month.	Agriculture, Dairying, and Mixed Farming.		Grazing (mainly Sheep).		Orcharding and Mixed Farming.		Dairy Farming.	Mining.
	Northern.	King Is.	Central Plateau.	Midlands.	Derwent Valley.	South-East.	East Coast.	West Coast.
1944—								
April	80	131	110	100	121	101	46	140
May	126	130	88	116	96	123	285	83
June	42	60	111	43	146	81	15	135
July	134	108	150	205	89	61	155	110
August	41	35	50	40	56	55	59	67
September	74	63	91	83	102	124	85	123
October	94	130	115	100	133	137	82	87
November	92	129	90	57	100	81	122	138
December	164	160	141	132	59	123	101	130
1945—								
January	128	65	125	160	145	149	192	91
February	251	146	118	158	96	89	266	164
March	34	70	88	41	86	61	51	223
April	22	32	12	23	15	24	27	51
May	52	67	57	44	48	33	42	58
June	125	110	68	62	61	45	70	99
July	77	90	70	49	44	58	33	100
August	167	146	148	143	160	160	153	152
September	83	74	83	34	61	111	55	129

(a) Normal rainfall for each month (represented by 100) is the average since records were first taken (i.e., since about 1905 for all districts).

SEASONAL CONDITIONS—TASMANIA.

Although rainfall during September was above normal in the South-Eastern district, deficiencies, ranging from 17 per cent in the Northern and Central Plateau divisions to 66 per cent in the Midlands, have resulted in crops being backward in many parts of the State; while the stock position is not very promising. In the *Derwent Valley* growth has been slow, and the wet state of the ground has retarded soil preparation. Stock are reported to be showing the effects of the cold winter, but are improving. Heavy losses of sheep and lambs were experienced. Pastures in some parts are responding to the warmer weather, while orchards in the *Derwent Valley* and *Huon* districts show promise of good crops. In the *South-East* stock are in low condition due to feed shortage, whilst there have been heavy losses of sheep and lambs. Creeks and waterholes are dry in some parts and seasonal prospects are poor. Growth is backward in the *Midlands*. Stock are in fair condition but in parts require hand-feeding, while losses of sheep and lambs have been general. Pastures have made little growth and general prospects in this division are not good. On the *East Coast* growth is generally backward and rain is needed in parts. Stock are deteriorating in condition because of fodder shortage. The lambing result has been poor, and some losses are reported. The seasonal prospects are diminishing and late frosts have not helped to improve the position. In the *North* and *North-West* growth is backward and vegetable plantings, except for potatoes, have been delayed. Pastures, with some exceptions, are making slow growth, and a late season is indicated.

REHABILITATION—TASMANIA.

During the month of August, 1945, 347 (237) males and 28 (24) females were discharged from the services in Tasmania. Of the males, 34 (27) went to Agriculture and Dairying, &c.; 38 (27) to the Building Industry; 42 (33) to Retail Trade; 27 (23) to Transport and Communication; and 21 (6) to Public Administration; while 50 (39) deferred placement or commenced full-time industrial training.

NOTE.—Figures for month of July, 1945, shown in parentheses.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Retail Price Index Numbers.

Town.	All Items ("C" Series) Index Numbers. Base: Weighted Average, Six Capitals, 1923-27 = 1000.				All Items ("Court" Series) Index Numbers. Base: Weighted Average, Six Capitals, 1923-27 = 81.0.			
	September Quarter, 1944.	March Quarter, 1945.	June Quarter, 1945.	September Quarter, 1945.	September Quarter, 1944.	March Quarter, 1945.	June Quarter, 1945.	September Quarter, 1945.
Hobart	1,110	1,101	1,099	1,107	89.9	89.1	89.0	89.6
Launceston	1,072	1,064	1,067	1,073	86.8	86.1	86.4	86.9
Burnie	1,069	1,053	1,055	1,065	86.5	85.2	85.4	86.2
Devonport	1,045	1,037	1,038	1,045	84.6	83.9	84.0	84.6
Queenstown	1,110	1,104	1,106	1,112	89.9	89.4	89.5	90.0
Weighted average, five towns	1,094	1,085	1,085	1,092	88.6	87.8	87.8	88.4
Weighted average, four country towns	1,072	1,063	1,066	1,072	86.8	86.1	86.3	86.8

NOTE.—The "Court" series was created by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in 1937 to remove any impression that the Commonwealth Statistician was in some way responsible for the fixation and adjustment of wage-rates. It is at present based on the Commonwealth Statistician's "C" series index and equated in such a way that it expresses in shillings the "needs" basic wage as fixed by the Court—provided that any decimal point of .5 or over is regarded as the next higher number of shillings. A special "loading" of 4/- for Hobart and the provincial towns of Tasmania must be added to arrive at the actual basic wage.

Agricultural Statistics—Tasmania.

Crop.	Area Under Crop.			Production.			Production Per Acre.		
	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.
Wheat	Acres. 9,849	Acres. 4,839	Acres. 3,832	Bushels. 205,263	Bushels. 122,141	Bushels. 92,650	Bushels. 20.84	Bushels. 25.24	Bushels. 24.18
Barley	8,694	3,436	5,408	208,168	94,616	159,125	23.94	27.54	29.42
Oats	24,831	9,744	14,770	644,960	299,086	419,619	25.97	30.69	28.41
Peas—									
Blue	4,415	37,500	21,815	75,340	580,000	478,192	17.06	15.47	21.92
Other field	10,687	4,805	4,072	178,216	70,217	77,519	16.67	14.61	19.04
Potatoes	26,696	60,500	81,092	89,330	217,800	345,232	3.34	3.60	4.26
Turnips	10,015	13,937	15,032	63,829	84,519	89,736	6.37	6.06	5.97
Hay	79,959	75,696	71,914	109,533	121,301	112,284	1.36	1.60	1.56
Green fodder	28,681	50,481	45,077						
Orchards	25,298	27,304	27,077	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Small fruits	3,756	4,846	4,682	271,400	350,630	313,263	72	72	67
Tomatoes	127	407	513	21,241	85,397	81,078	163	210	158
Hops	921	1,075	1,090	Cwt. 20,497	Cwt. 24,945	Cwt. 21,684	Cwt. 22.26	Cwt. 23.21	Cwt. 19.89
All other crops	9,119	14,111	18,415						
Total area all crops	243,048	308,681	314,789	....	....	....	....	....	....

NOTE.—Figures for 1944-45 are provisional and subject to amendment.